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Senator Ben Nelson
720 Hart Senate Office Building
United States Senate
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Dear Senator Nelson:

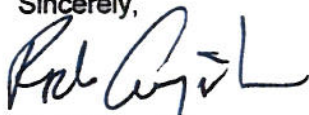
As you know I am a farmer in south central Nebraska. I know what role education has played in the success in my life and in the lives of my family. I also know how much my business of farming depends on research and Extension from the IANR at UNL, as well as from the entire Land Grant University system. As a result I have a great interest in doing whatever I can do to see that our Great State of Nebraska maintains, invests in, and in fact grows our own University of Nebraska as well as the entire Land Grant University system throughout our country.

I am writing you today to thank you for your help in obtaining planning and initial construction funds for the building that will bring the offices and laboratories of ARS researchers under one roof at UNL. I would urge you to continue to work to obtain the necessary construction funds in the coming budget year for this new building, so that it can in fact become a reality.

As you know, if this building becomes a reality it can provide a synergy among ARS researchers, IANR scientists and UNL students working side by side to provide such things as state of the art research in higher yielding drought and disease tolerant crops, evaluation of biomass crops as renewable energy sources and continuing to develop technologies to help manage water quality and quantity. These are things that are vitally important not only to Nebraska but also to my business of farming and to my family's future in production agriculture. On the larger stage, we want to continue to see Nebraska be a leader for all of American agriculture.

Senator, thank you for your strong support of agriculture, we appreciate all that you do for our state.

Sincerely,



Rod Gangwish